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SUMMARY. IN PLENARY DISCUSSION ON NOV 21 OF REPORT OF SPECIAL COMITE OF 24, EGYPT, NIGERIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ARGENTINA, KENYA, AFGHANISTAN AND AUSTRALIA PARTICIPATED IN DEBATE. TANZANIA SPOKE IN RIGHT OF REPLY TO US STATEMENT OF NOV 20 AND US REPLIED TO TANZANIA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONTINUING DEBATE OF ITEM 23 (REPORT OF SPECIAL COMITE) GENERAL TENOR OF DEBATE STATEMENTS WAS CONDEMNATION OF "SOUTH AFRICAN-RHODESIAN-PORTUGUESE AXIS" WITH ADDITIONAL LENGTHY STATEMENTS ON ALLEGED US-PORTUGAL-ISRAELI COLLUSION BY REPS OF NIGERIA AND ZAMBIA. KENYA ACCUSED US OF EMPLOYING DOUBLE STANDARD WHEN CITING PREVIOUS GA RESES AS CONFIRMATION OF EXPRESSION SELF-DETERMINATION IN REGARD TO PUERTO RICO, YET "CHOOSING TO IGNORE" PREVIOUS RESES WHICH CALLED ON MEMBERS TO STOP SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ARGENTINA BRIEFLY MENTIONED PR (SEPTELS). BOTH COUNTRIES WARNED USUN PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF SPEECHES AND SAID THEY WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO BUT HAD CHOSEN MILDEST

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TERMS POSSIBLE.

3. AT END OF MEETING AMB SALIM OF TANZANIA TOOK FLOOR ON RIGHT OF REPLY IN HIS DUAL ROLE AS REP OF TANZANIA AND CHAIRMAN OF COMITE OF 24. SALIM TOOK EXCEPTION TO US STATEMENT (RIGHT OF REPLY TO CUBAN STATEMENT) DELIVERED NOV 20 AND CHOSE TO MISINTERPRET ITS FINAL PARA AS HAVING STATED THAT COMITE OF 24 HAD ACTED IMPROPERLY RE PR. AS REP OF TANZANIA HE RECITED HISTORY OF PR AS COLONY AND CITED 1966 JOINT COMMISSION REPORT (PAGES 15 AND 16) WHICH STATED PEOPLE OF PR "CAN" ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE. SALIM STATED PR IS NOT INDEPENDENT, NOT IS IT A STATE; THEREFORE IT IS DUTY OF UN TO DISCUSS IT. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD EMPLOY DOUBLE STANDARD. AS CHAIRMAN OF COMITE OF 24, SALIM STATED GA APPROVAL OF 1972 REPORT, WHICH INCLUDED PROGRAM OF WORK, LEGALLY AUTHORIZED COMITE OF 24 TO INVESTIGATE QUESTION OF PR. THEREFORE, COMITE REQUIRED TO ACT AND HAS DONE SO BY CALLING ON ITS RAPPORTEUR TO COLLECT INFO FOR THE COMITE TO USE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

4. (US (SCHAUFLE) REPLIED THAT COMITE OF 24'S MANDATE COVERS TERRITORIES OF A SPECIFIC LIST AND PR NOT ON THAT LIST BECAUSE AS TANZANIAN REP CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THEY "CAN" OPT FOR INDEPENDENCE BUT CHOSE NOT TO IN SELF-DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE. (FULL TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL).

5. TANZANIA IN RIGHT OF REPLY STATED PR STILL A COLONY AND COMITE OF 24 MANDATE IS TO CONSIDER TERRITORIES WHICH ARE NOT SELF-GOVERNING.

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